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Cc: Melissa Weipert
Subject: HB 5144 amending 2016 PA 281

Dear Representatives of the Law and Justice Committee,

My name is Craig Aronoff and I am an attorney who specializes in Michigan's Medical Marihuana market. Unlike many of my colleagues with backgrounds in criminal law, my career has focused on real estate, business and civil litigation over the last 19 years. I am writing today to thank Rep. Kesto for introducing HB 5144 today and ask for your committee's support, and ultimately your individual support, of this Bill.

As a practitioner who has spent the better part of a year advising future MMFLA licensees of the new market, business structure and operations, there has always been holes in the law. This Bill goes to great lengths to not only fill those holes, but it will insure a smooth, safe transition from the MMMA to the MMFLA. First by expanding the statute to help propagate the market by allowing caregivers to bring their talent and plants out of the basement and into these licensed, regulated facilities. The will not only encourage the caregivers to participate in the market, it will likely also help avoid diversion into the black market. By allowing processors to sell to processors, a seemingly simple change, will allow small bakeries or essential oil processors to buy wholesale extract and save the need to invest in expensive processing equipment. And helping resolve the security transporter requirements for co-located licensees makes all the sense in the world so long as their tracking measures are in place.

In any event, I strongly encourage your support of this Bill and hope that it can become law without the same slow wheels of government. Should any of you wish to discuss the law with an industry expert, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your service to our state. Best wishes,

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